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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

CYANINE DYES AS LABELING REAGENTS FOR DETECTION OF BIOLOGICAL

AND OTHER MATERIALS BY LUMINESCENCE METHODS

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 0.00 (at least 20) = \$ 18.00 previously paid for 20 Independent claims after amendment minus highest number \$ 0.00 Х \$ 86.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 110.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 110.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 110.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this

asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is attached.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due April 23, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 23, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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